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REF: A. STATE 82670; B. STATE 82492; C. GODDIN/
WILGIS/HEICHLER TELCON; D. BONN 5878; E. BONN 6034

1. TEXT OF HARTMAN LETTER REF A DELIVERED TO
FOREIGN OFFICE.

2. PROPOSED CHANGES PER PARA 1 OF REF B GIVEN TO
FOREIGN OFFICE. FOREIGN OFFICE FORESEES NO
DIFFICULTIES EXCEPT FOR PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE
PROTOCOL, RE ARTICLE 5. HOWEVER, CHANGES MUST FIRST
BE APPROVED BY TRANSLATION OFFICE AND OTHER
MINISTRIES INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS.

3. INSERT OF QUOTE MILITARY UNQUOTE BEFORE QUOTE
OFFSET UNQUOTE IN GERMAN TEXT OF PROTOCOL RE
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ARTICLE 5 LIKELY TO BE UNACCEPTABLE TO FRG SINCE

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THEY HAVE NEVER USED THE TERM QUOTE MILITAERISCHEN DEVISENAUSGLEICHSABKOMMEN UNQUOTE TO DESCRIBE OFFSET AGREEMENTS AND WOULD PREFER NOT TO FOR DOMESTIC REASONS. FOREIGN OFFICE POINTED OUT THAT FRG DOES NOT HAVE ANY OFFSET AGREEMENTS BESIDES THOSE WITH US. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT WE RETAIN PRESENT ENGLISH AND GERMAN TEXTS SHOULD FRG BE UNWILLING TO INSERT WORD MILITARY.

4. IN ORDER TO CORRESPOND TO THE ENGLISH TEXT, FRG FOREIGN OFFICE PROPOSED THAT IN THE GERMAN VERSION OF THE MINUTE, THE TWO PARAGRAPHS IN ARTICLE 2(A), ARTICLE 6(A), AND THE PARAGRAPHS FOLLOWINGARTICLE 6(B) EACH BE JOINED TO FORM ONE PARAGRAPH.

5. IN THE GERMAN TEXT OF THE PROTOCOL TO ARTICLE 5, FRG FEELS FOR GRAMMATICAL PREFERENCE, THAT THE WORDS QUOTE AUFGRUND VON DEVISENAUSGLEICHSABKOMMEN END QUOTE SHOULD BE LOCATED BETWEEN QUOTE JAHREN END QUOTE AND QUOTE AUSGEGEBENE END QUOTE INSTEAD OF BETWEEN QUOTE STAATSPAPIERE END QUOTE AND QUOTE ZUVOR END QUOTE.

6. FRG PROPOSES FOLLOWING CHANGES TO ENGLISH TEXT:
ARTICLE 6(A): QUOTE PAYMENT OF THE AMOUNTS SPECIFIED END QUOTE SHOULD REPLACE QUOTE PAYMENTS OF THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED END QUOTE.
PROTOCOL, RE ARTICLE 5, FIRST SENTENCE SECOND PARAGRAPH: QUOTE SHOULD END QUOTE SHOULD BE LOCATED BETWEEN QUOTE AND END QUOTE AND QUOTE SUBSEQUENTLY END QUOTE INSTEAD OF BETWEEN QUOTE BUNDESBANKEND QUOTE AND QUOTE RISE END QUOTE.

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RE ARTICLE 6; FIRST SENTENCE: QUOTE UNDER END QUOTE SHOULD BE REPLACED BY QUOTE IN END QUOTE.

7,P R PARAGRAPH 3 REF (B), REFERENCES TO QUOTE AGREEMENT END QUOTE CHANGED TO QUOTE MINUTE END QUOTE. NO CHANGE IN GERMAN TEXT REQUIRED. REFERENCES TO PREVIOUS OFFSET AGREEMENTS ARE NOT CHANGED. OTHER CHANGES PER PARA 3 MADE.

8. SIGNATURE LINES ADDED TO PROTOCOL.

9. FRG FOREIGN OFFICE ADVISES US THAT IT HAS NO OBJECTION TO DECLASSIFYING PREVIOUS OFFSET AGREEMENTS.

10. JOINT PRESS COMMUNIQUE AND US CHANGES THERETO (REF. (D) AND (E)) STILL NOT CLEARED WITH FRG CONFIDENTIAL

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GOVERNMENT AND AWAITS PERSONAL APPROVAL BY FRG FINANCE MINISTER SCHMIDT. FOREIGN OFFICE NOT WILLING TO SIGN AGREEMENT UNTIL JOINT PRESS COMMUNIQUE HAS BEEN AGREED UPON.
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